

**MARICOPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTE BOOK**

**SPECIAL SESSION  
April 19, 2005**

The Board of Supervisors of Maricopa County, Arizona convened in Special Session at 12:00 P.M., April 19, 2005, at the Public Health Clinic, 1645 E. Roosevelt Street, Phoenix, Arizona, with the following members present: Max W. Wilson, Chairman, District 4, Don Stapley, Vice Chairman, District 2, and Mary Rose Wilcox, District 5. Absent: Andrew Kunasek, District 3; and Fulton Brock, District 1. Also present: Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board, David Smith, County Manager and Paul Golab, Deputy County Attorney. Votes of the Members will be recorded as follows: aye-nay-absent-abstain.

**PUBLIC HEALTH CLINIC RIBBON CUTTING**

Chairman Wilson welcomed everyone to this gathering. He described how the Board of Health, staff, architects, and many others joined together, sharing ideas and plans to make this building a reality. From the 1870's, Maricopa County has been involved with health care in one form or another. At one time, the County ran the "Pest House" which was a center to treat patients with tuberculosis. Maricopa County has been proving the commitment to health care for the citizens for over 130 years. (ADM2150)

This building has a tremendous location with adequate and well-lighted parking lots as an added safety feature for employees. The Chairman thanked Holder Construction, Orcutt-Winslow Partnership, Hunt Jacobs Construction Managers, John Stover, the Construction Manager and Allen Dean, the consultant and all of the taxpayers of Maricopa County for their commitment to this project and to the service of Public Health to the community.

Supervisor Wilcox announced that Governor Napolitano had recently proclaimed that April was Public Health month. She thanked Heidi Birch for her oversight of this and many other projects and Dr. Jonathan Weisbuch for his tireless advocacy for this building and the work of the Public Health department. Supervisor Wilcox also reviewed some of the history of the County's involvement in Public Health including the fact that the first doctor appointed by the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors was in 1876. This doctor was charged with the responsibility of reviewing the public health needs of the community and recommending action to meet those needs. After World War I the County began to focus on prevention services. In 1957, the city of Phoenix and Maricopa County combined their Public Health efforts. The old Public Health building was constructed in 1960 and has served the public well, but the needs have grown beyond the capabilities of that building. Today, the department of Public Health provides a number of innovative and preventative programs including the Well Woman program, WIC (Women, Infants and Children) and the newly organized BioDefense division.

Dr. Suzanne Cook, President of the Maricopa County Board of Health explained that the Board of Health advises the department of Public Health and makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding Public Health Issues. She commented that the role of Public Health in a community is a constant job, there are no boundaries, no vacations and no discrimination. The mission is to Promote, Protect and Preserve Public Health in the County. In 1961, there were approximately 700,000 residents and the budget for the department was \$900,000. Today, the population is over 3.5 million and the budget is at \$54 million. Dr. Cook thanked the Board for their support of the work of Public Health and for this new facility.

Supervisor Stapley also thanked all of the staff and those involved in the construction of this building. He thanked David Smith, County Manager and Sandi Wilson, Deputy County Manager for their commitment to this project. He commented that Maricopa County is recognized nationally for organizational excellence, and that today was a day to celebrate the opening of this new building. Supervisor Stapley also recognized all of the employees in the department of Public Health saying, "the greatest

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achievement is that which is accomplished by the employees on behalf of the public and we are thankful for the hard work and dedication of these employees.”

The members of the Board of Supervisors, the Board of Health, staff and other dignitaries proceeded to cut the ribbon and invited attendees into the new building for a brief tour of the facility.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

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Max W. Wilson, Chairman of the Board

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Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board